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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

## **Status of County-Interest Legislation**

County-supported AB 340 (Frommer), which would make it illegal to sell, offer for sale, buy, possess, manufacture, or distribute Mobile Infrared Transmitters, a device capable of sending a signal that interrupts or changes the sequence of a traffic signal, was amended on July 6, 2004 with technical, non-substantive language, and awaits further action in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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County-supported AB 488 (Parra), which would require the State Department of Justice (DOJ) to disseminate registered sex offender information pursuant to Megan's Law via an Internet website operated by the DOJ, allow qualified offenders to petition for the removal of their information from the Internet, and make the unauthorized use of the sex offender database to commit a misdemeanor or a felony punishable by a fine of between \$10,000 and \$50,000, or five years in State Prison, received technical, non-substantive amendments on June 29, 2004, and remains in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**County-supported AB 1432 (Firebaugh)**, which would eliminate provisions of California law which bar California prosecution based on foreign convictions or acquittals, but would provide credit for actual time served in a foreign country for the same crime, was amended on June 29, 2004 to allow additional credit for the time served that would have been awarded had the person been incarcerated in California. The bill remains in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 1466 (Koretz), which would authorize State agencies to adopt "Don't Trash California" (and the equivalent Spanish phrase) as their State unified litter prevention and recycling message, was passed by the Senate on July 1, 2004, by a vote of 22 to 10, and sent back to the Assembly for concurrence in Senate amendments.

**County-supported AB 1618 (Firebaugh)**, which would require railroad companies in California to develop an approved protocol for rapid communication with State and local public safety agencies in an endangered area during emergency situations where there is a runaway train, was enrolled on June 28, 2004, and awaits action by the Governor.

County-supported AB 1663 (Dutra), which would extend the sunset date for the current \$1 fee assessment on each vehicle registered with the County to finance the Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention program to January 1, 2010, and require each county to issue a fiscal year-end report to the State Controller who will determine if fee revenues are being utilized in a manner consistent with the bill, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 8 to 0 on June 29, 2004, and is awaiting Senate Floor action.

County-supported ACR 142 (Chavez), which would designate the interchange of State Highway Route 605 and State Highway Route 210 as the "Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff David W. March Memorial Interchange", passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 29, 2004, and placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

County-opposed SB 18 (Burton), which would create a procedure in the California Environmental Quality Act for the Native American Heritage Commission to determine if a proposed project adversely affects a traditional tribal cultural site, and to recommend project changes and mitigation measures, was amended on June 14, 2004 and June 28, 2004 to require local jurisdictions to consult with Native American tribes on proposed changes to a county's General Plan and/or its Open Space Element, and to protect the confidentiality of information concerning identity, location, character, and use of tribal cultural sites. The amendments also require the State Office of Planning and Research to prepare specific guidelines for future general plan-related consultations and confidentiality of site information. The Department of Regional Planning recommends that the bill be amended to include counties in preparing the guidelines. Our Sacramento advocates will oppose SB 18, unless it is amended. SB 18 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 29, 2004 by a vote of 15 to 0, and is awaiting Assembly Floor action.

County-supported SB 1085 (Murray), which would prohibit the unauthorized possession, distribution, and use of Mobile Infrared Transmitters (MIRT), a device capable of sending a signal that interrupts or changes the sequence of a traffic signal, and provides that an unauthorized use of an MIRT that results in bodily injury or death

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would be punishable by six months imprisonment and a fine of between \$5,000 and \$10,000, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on July 1, 2004, and placed on the Consent Calendar.

County-sponsored SB 1260 (Murray), which would, subject to approval by the Board, allow all retiring LACERA members to purchase a higher level of survivor benefits by paying the actuarial difference between the standard benefit and the increased benefit, with no additional cost to LACERA, passed the Senate on July 7, 2004, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-sponsored SB 1382 (Murray), which would allow taxing entities like the County, at least 90 days to review redevelopment plans, passed the Assembly by a vote of 78 to 0 on July 1, 2004. The bill now proceeds to enrollment and then to the Governor.

County-sponsored SB 1413 (Brulte and Scott), which would prohibit a person from being held liable for civil damages as a result of assisting another person to voluntarily surrender their baby to a safe-surrender site, was signed into law by the Governor on July 6, 2004.

County-opposed, unless amended, SB 1462 (Kuehl), which would require a local planning agency to submit changes to a General Plan, or proposed projects to the military if the changes or project would adversely affect military activities or installations, was amended on June 28, 2004 with technical, non-substantive changes, and remains in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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